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SUBJECT: JAMES SELDEN LAY JR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

July 28, 1952

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Hoover, John Edgar

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations upon your completion of thirty-five years of service with the Department of Justice.

Over those years you have ably and patriotically served your country in the role of career public official with untiring effort and devotion to duty.

With a deep feeling of respect and admiration for you and the great organization you direct, I wish you many additional years of good health and success in your important work on behalf of our Government and its citizenry.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
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Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Lay:

Thank you for your letter of July 28,
1952, extending congratulations on my Thirty-
fifth Anniversary with the Department of Justice.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness
in remembering me on this occasion, and I am
very grateful for your kind remarks concerning
the manner in which I am carrying out my duties.

Sincerely yours,

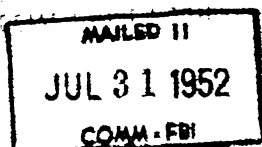
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Mr. James S. ~~Y~~Lay, Jr.
Room 212
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lay:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your recent appointment as Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. We in the Federal Bureau of Investigation have known and worked with your predecessor, Admiral Sidney W. Souers, for many years, and I trust you will feel free to call on me in matters of mutual interest.

With every good wish for the coming New Year,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1950

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Miss Gandy.....

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 28, 1949. Your very kind wishes as well as your offer of assistance, as I assume the role of Executive Secretary of the Council, are keenly appreciated by me.

Having had the privilege of serving as Mr. Souer assistant during his tenure with the Council, I am fully cognizant, and therefore deeply appreciative, of the valuable services which you and the FBI regularly make available to us.

You may be assured of my desire to cooperate fully with you in all matters of mutual interest, and in the event I can be of service to you I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

I extend to you my very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, JR.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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March 20, 1951

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your kind communication of March 7, 1951, concerning the release of unclassified strategic information by agencies of the U. S. Government to European nations, including countries in the Soviet-satellite bloc. Your thoughtfulness in making this information available to me is appreciated.

It is my understanding that at the present time the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security has under active study the general problem occasioned by the furnishing of unclassified strategic information to foreign interests. Since the matter to which you refer is directly related to that study, a copy of your letter has been referred by [redacted] to the Chairman of the ICIS for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Lay, Jr.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Shipments of documents allegedly from American Institute and from U.S. Government.

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Honorable James S. Lay, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

DATE 5/23/80

In a communication dated January 23, 1951, the Department of the Army furnished this Bureau the following information which was received from the Military Attache at Heidelberg, Germany, and is captioned:

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 Subject is possible violation paragraph 12B
 (2) AR 880-5, Truck and trailer containing consignment
 of goods shipped by [REDACTED]

of Prague, CBR was checked by 7751st Military Police Customs Unit at legal crosspoint Waidhaus (N 50/P 42) at approximately 1400 hours 15 Jan. Part of the consign- ment consists of 3 wooden boxes weighing approximately 466 pounds which were listed as 'books.' Two of boxes listed as coming from Smithsonian Institute, 3rd from Yale University. The boxes were shipped by the US lines from pier 8, Port Covington, Maryland. Examination of contents of boxes revealed estimated 2500 publications including current Army Regulations, Special Regulations, Air Force Regulations, National Guard Regulations, Field Manuals, official publications of the Patent Office, and proceedings of Congress. None of the above documents bore classification. American Consulate Rotterdam RE lined advises boxes are government shipments from US Dispatch Agent, New York. Rotterdam Consulate responsible for shipping via Dutch trading company. Knew nothing of contents or reason for shipment. Boxes impounded pending completion investigation. Request investigation XI to determine legality of shipment, use of Yale and Smithsonian Institute labels and ulterior motive/origin of shipment.

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Investigation by this Bureau has disclosed that according to [redacted] Chief, International Exchange Service, Smithsonian Institute, 9 boxes of books and documents which were seized in Germany were part of a 17 box shipment weighing 2,939 pounds from the International Exchange Service which were shipped on December 14, 1950 under Government Bill of Lading, No. SI-5130. The shipment was picked up by the Davidson Transfer and Storage Company in Washington, D. C. for delivery to Pier 8 at Port Covington, Maryland. Four boxes were going to the International Exchange Service, Royal Library, The Hague, Holland; 2 boxes to the Hungarian Libraries Branch, Budapest, Hungary; 3 boxes to Service Belge Des Echanges Internationaux Bibliothique Royal De Belgique, Brussels, Belgium; 5 boxes to Bibliothique Centrale 'Federale, Service Suisse Des Echanges Internationaux Palais Federal, Berns, Switzerland, and 3 boxes to the National and University Library in care of Rijnac and Sula Eurotrans, Prague 2, Czechoslovakia. Netrans and Eurotrans of Prague mentioned in the enclosure to your letter was determined to be a brokerage firm who would have handled the shipment in Czechoslovakia and delivered 3 boxes to the National and University Library. Section 139A, title 44, U. S. Code provides for this interchange of books and publications, according to [redacted]

Investigation further discloses that by letter dated January 21, 1950, the State Department advised the National and University Library at Prague, Czechoslovakia, that [redacted] was the official depository for Czechoslovakia. The monthly catalogue of U. S. Government publications sets forth a list of documents published by the Government Printing Office and this list is marked with black circles in each instance where publications are automatically furnished to depository libraries. [redacted] advises that publications of private institutions, such as Harvard and Yale Universities and other schools and associations, are forwarded by such institutions to the Smithsonian Institute to be sent to depository libraries. He advises that 2 of the boxes involved, No. 996 and 997, contained Government and private institutions' books and publications; that box No. 704 consists of official documents of the United States Government. [redacted] advised that the Smithsonian Institute does not decide which publications should be sent and stated the program is handled by the Library of Congress and the Department of State. [redacted]

stated that government agencies having documents printed by the Government Printing Office could, if they desired, take necessary steps to protect the security of such documents. He stated that while all books and documents sent have wide distribution in the United States and are not classified, there is some question as to whether some books and documents should be sent to Russia and her satellite countries; but such security steps are not in the hands of the Smithsonian Institute or the agencies having the publications printed. [REDACTED] stated that no censorship of the documents is made by the Smithsonian Institute. He stated that G-2 in Washington, D. C., the Library of Congress, and the State Department are aware of the true status of the documents seized. It was his opinion that paragraph 12B (2) AR 380-5 pertains only to members of the Department of the Army in furnishing information of either a classified or nonclassified nature to foreign nationals and does not pertain to instant shipment.

No further investigation is being conducted by this Bureau unless a request to the contrary is received from the Department of the Army.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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